



STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY LANSING



April 25, 2006

Mr. Ben Baker Senior Environmental Project Leader The Dow Chemical Company Michigan Operations 47 Building Midland, Michigan 48667

Dear Mr. Baker:

SUBJECT: Conceptual GeoMorph™ Scoping Study, Upper Saginaw River, Saginaw,

Michigan; The Dow Chemical Company (Dow), Midland; MID 000 724 724

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has received the Conceptual *GeoMorph*™ Scoping Study for the Upper Saginaw River, Saginaw, Michigan, prepared by Ann Arbor Technical Services, Inc. (ATS), and submitted by Dow on March 31, 2006. Based upon the meeting held on April 12, 2006, it is the DEQ's understanding that Dow is planning to propose the use of ATS's *GeoMorph*™ approach for conducting the remedial investigation of the Tittabawassee River. Due to resource constraints, if this work is pursued on an aggressive schedule this field season, we will likely defer our review of the Conceptual *GeoMorph*™ Scoping Study for the Upper Saginaw River to a later date in order to focus on the Tittabawassee River review and field activities.

If you should have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact Mr. George Bruchmann, Chief, Waste and Hazardous Materials Division, at 517-373-9523 or via e-mail at bruchmag@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

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